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4-48 E. Cross St. (North side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1850-1867

The pair of houses at 4-6 E. Cross St. was originally built as a pair of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, but 4 E. Cross St. has been enlarged and is now three stories in height with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. 8 E. Cross St. is a small, two story, gable-roofed house typical of the type built on nearby Patapsco St. in the 1850's. 10 and 12-38 E. Cross St. are all three story, two bay wide, brick houses with gable roofs that serve a mixed commercial/residential purpose. The houses were built both just before and just after the Civil War by John S. Gittings and George Williamson, who each built alternating pairs of similar houses. 26-28 and 38 E. Cross St. have had their original gable roofs rebuilt as shed roofs and 38 E. Cross St. has a bracketed cornice. 46 E. Cross St. is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice whose first floor area is currently being converted to a shopfront. 48 E. Cross St. is a two story, two bay wide, brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice which has recently been converted to modern shopfront space.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

B-3330  
MAGI 0433302511

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

34-36 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

#### PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

B-3330

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This pair of three story, two bay brick houses with gable roofs was built in the 1860's as part of the development of this side of Cross St. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts. 34 Cross St. has been covered with formstone.

The houses are three stories in height, about 14' wide, and occupy lots about 62' deep and 73' deep respectively. 34 Cross St. has a new one story high, four bay deep rear addition; 36 Cross St. has a two story high, five bay deep rear addition that extends back to the rear of the lot. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice. There is a paired double hooded chimney located along the partition wall between the two houses on both the front and rear roof gables. 36 Cross also has a single chimney located along the west side of the rear roof gable.

The second floor window openings at 34 Cross St. have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums; the third floor windows have flat lintels. At 36 Cross St. all of the window openings have splayed brick lintels and brick header sills. All of the window openings at 34 Cross are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The window openings at 36 Cross St. are filled with modern glass blocks. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts. At 34 Cross the entire first floor facade has been removed to allow access to a produce stall, which displays its goods both inside the shop and outside on the sidewalk. The wide openings is closed after business hours by means of sliding aluminum doors. At 36 Cross St. the entire first floor facade is faced with black glazed tiles. A Mediterranean-style panel door is located in the easternmost bay, set beneath a single light transom which has been covered over. There is a single, new plate glass window. The entrances are reached directly from the sidewalk. An arched alleyway runs back between the two houses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1858-1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George W. Williamson

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 12 E. Cross St.

The first owner of 34 E. Cross St. was a Henry Heer, who operated a shoemaking shop at this location in the late 1860's through the late 1880's. The first owner of 36 E. Cross St. was a John Hamel, a tinner.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1868-9

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14'3" x 61'9" (32); 14'3" x 73' (34)**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

REVIEW SHEET

B-3330

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: 34 East Cross Street, Baltimore, Maryland Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic District: Federal Hill Historic District

8/24/90 date initial application received by State \_\_\_\_\_ date(s) additional information requested by State

3/4/91 date complete information received by State \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date of this transmittal to NPS \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection of property by State staff? ☐ no ☐ yes date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

☒ There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.

\_\_\_\_\_ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

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This property involves:

- |                                                                       |                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric            | <input type="checkbox"/> Obscured or covered elevation(s)                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial alterations over time | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved property                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary determination of listing         | <input type="checkbox"/> State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation          |
| _____ for district                                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation different from the applicant's request |
| _____ for individual property                                         |                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Significance less than 50 years old          |                                                                                           |

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Complete item(s) below as appropriate.

(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as late 17th to 19th C

(2) The property ☒ contributes \_\_\_\_\_ does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in:

☒ location ☒ design ☒ setting ☒ materials \_\_\_\_\_ workmanship \_\_\_\_\_ feeling ☒ association

\_\_\_\_\_ Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_ Maryland

Inventory# B-3330

(3) For properties less than 50 years old:

\_\_\_\_\_ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.

\_\_\_\_\_ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.

\_\_\_\_\_ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.

(4) For preliminary determinations:

A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:

\_\_\_\_\_ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.

\_\_\_\_\_ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other, explain:

B. Evaluation of the property:

\_\_\_\_\_ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation

\_\_\_\_\_ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register

Criteria for Evaluation: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:

\_\_\_\_\_ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.

\_\_\_\_\_ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.



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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

34 East Cross Street is one of a pair of houses consisting of 34 and 36 East Cross Street. The three story, two bay wide, brick houses, with gable roofs were built between 1858 and 1863 by John S. & George W. Williamson. Williamson and John S. Crittendon built alternating pairs of houses along Cross Street opposite the Cross Street Market. Many of these houses were occupied by tradesmen. The first owner of 34 Cross Street was Henry Heer, who operated a Shoemaking Shop at this location in the late 1860's through the late 1880's. These houses were intended to serve mixed commercial and residential uses and many had storefronts installed on the first floor in later years.

34 East Cross Street is representative of the modest mid-19th century rowhouse typical of Federal Hill and is important as a remnant of the once-thriving commercial district which grew up around Cross Street Market. The Market was founded in 1846 to serve the needs of the rapidly growing Federal Hill neighborhood and subsequently spurred development on adjacent streets. While 34 East Cross Street has undergone numerous alterations over time, it still retains its basic form and contributes to the street-scene of similar, paired rowhouses.

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State Official Recommendation:

This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by Elizabeth Hennefer, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.

- ☒ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- ☐ The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- ☐ The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ☐ The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- ☐ The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
- ☐ potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ☐ registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- ☐ The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- ☐ Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

☐ Detailed NPS review recommended ☐ Precedent-setting case ☐ Forwarded without recommendation

Date

3/18/91

State Official Signature



☐ See attachments:

NPS Comments:

Date

NPS Reviewer

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

B-3330

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

NPS Office Use Only

NRIS No:

NPS Office Use Only

Project No:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property:

Address of property: Street 34 EAST CROSS STREET  
City BALTIMORE County \_\_\_\_\_ State MARYLAND Zip 21230  
Name of historic district: FEDERAL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
☐ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☐ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.  
☒ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.  
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name WELCOME DESIGN : EDWIN N. STRETCH, CONSULTANT  
Street 713 SOUTH BOND STREET City BALTIMORE  
State MARYLAND Zip 21231 Daytime Telephone Number 301 327 3610

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name HUGH SISSON, Trees Signature Hugh Sisson Date 8-3-90  
Organization SISSON'S INC.

Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Street 36 EAST CROSS STREET City BALTIMORE  
State MARYLAND Zip 21230 Daytime Telephone Number 301 539 2093

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.  
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.  
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No:



34 East Cross Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21230  
Sisson's Inc.  
August 1990

Part I

5. Description of Physical Appearance: This (3) story, (2) bay brick structure is the companion or mirror of 36 East Cross Street. A Storefront, now closed to a pair of metal utility doors, was established on the first floor of this converted row house. Windows on the second and third floors are metal 1/1 light storm windows. Formstone covers the remaining front obscuring any architectural detail.

All windows & doors on the rear facade have been removed and the openings have been blocked closed. An original ell has been removed and a one story block walk-in cooler added to the rear in 1970.

Date of Construction: 1850's Source of Date: Peale Museum  
Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1950's & 1970  
Has the building been moved? No.

6. Statement of significance: Little significance except for position as part of row facing modern City Market Structure.

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This structure does not meet requirements set forth by The National Park Service to qualify for Tax Certification.

The exterior front facade has been altered in the past with the removal of the original residential first floor openings, removal of original windows & doors and covering of the facade with Formstone.

The rear has lost all original features. The addition added to the rear first floor is architecturally incompatible with the historic structure.

Photographs: #1 & #2

Interior:

First Floor: No original detail exists.

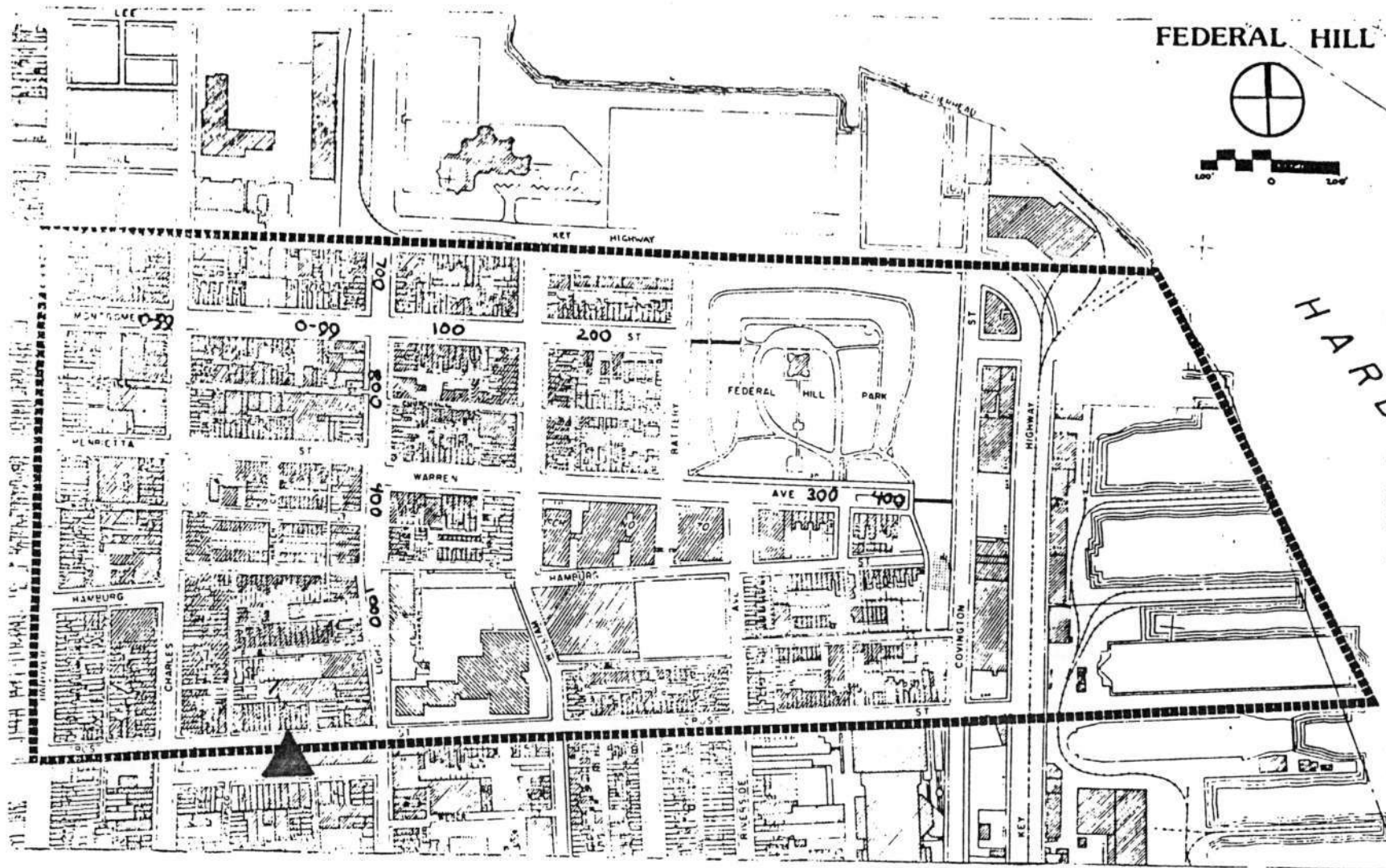
Photographs: #3 & #4

Second Floor: Existing paneling, plywood floors, drop ceiling and temporary staircase existing in the building since 1975.

Photographs: #5, #6 & #7

Third Floor: Again plywood flooring, wood paneling and drop ceiling existing.

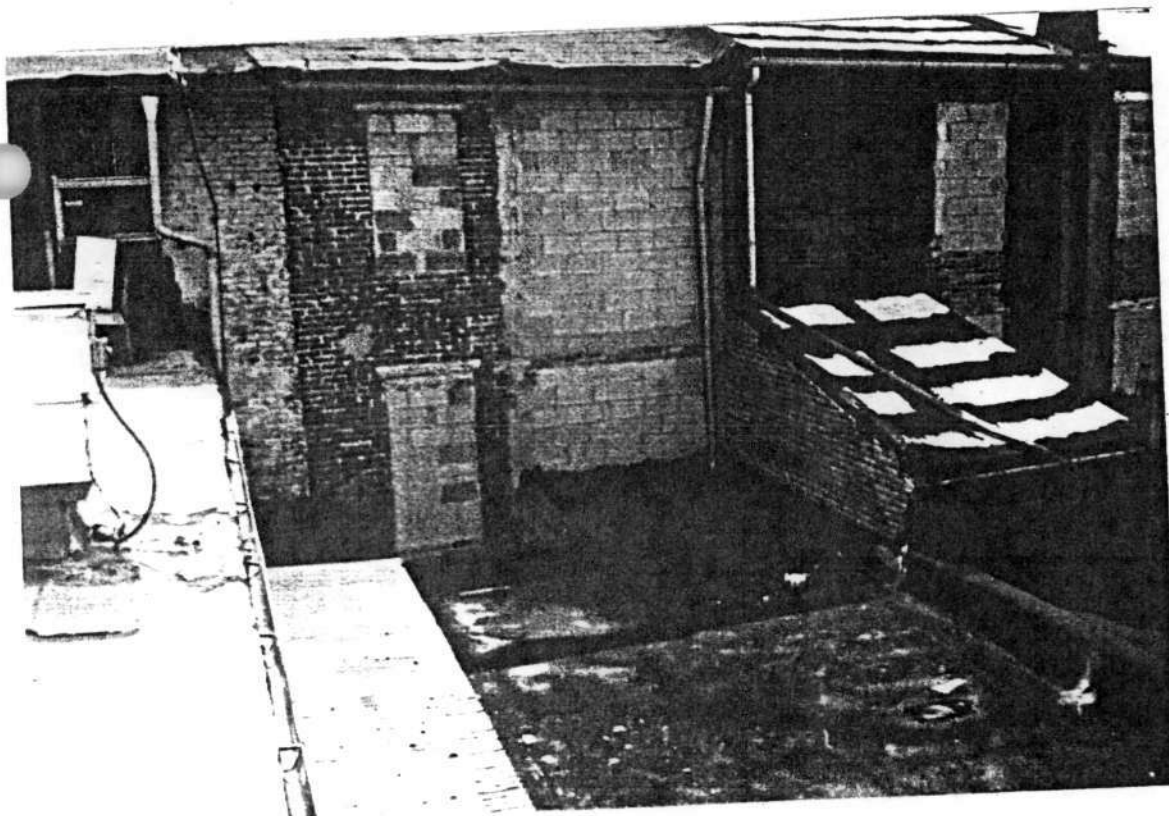
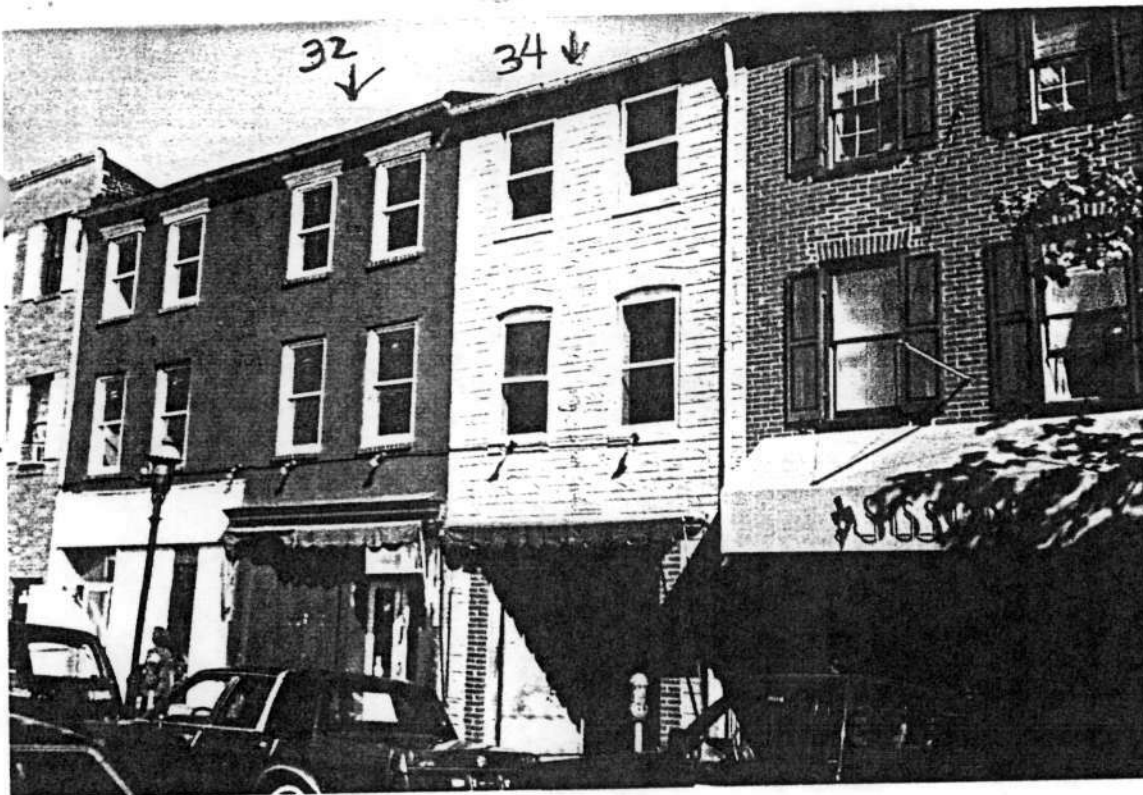
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FEDERAL HILL NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT 4/17/70

34 E. CROSS ST.  
BALTIMORE, MD  
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E. HAMBURG

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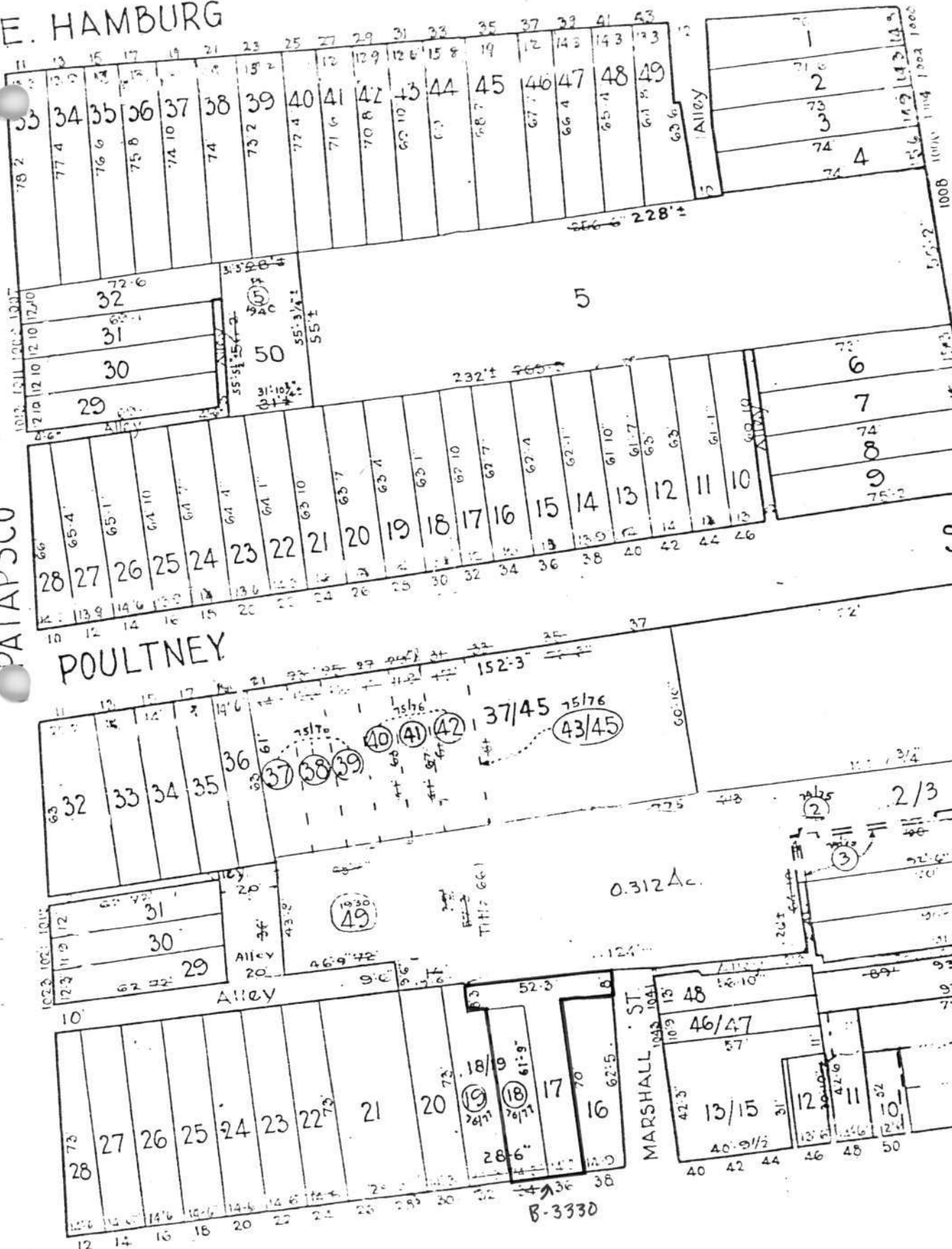
NOTICE

THIS IS A REAL PROPERTY PLAT AS PROVIDED  
FOR IN THE ARTICLES OF THE CITY CHARTER.

DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF

PROPERTY

WARD 2





B-3330  
34-36 E. Cross Street  
Block 0935A Lots 017-018  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







B-3330      34-36 E. Cross St.

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South elevation